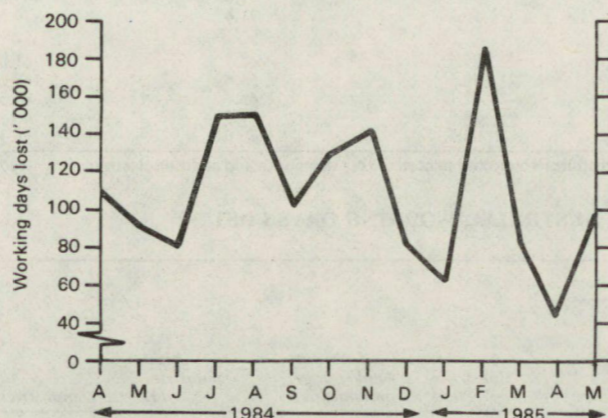




INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1985

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MAIN FEATURES



In May 1985, 98,300 working days were lost by 70,000 workers in 150 disputes. In the 12 months ended May 1985, 1,323,100 working days were lost compared with 1,299,900 and 1,980,800 working days lost in the 12 months ended May 1984 and May 1983 respectively.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Coverage

- The statistics relate only to disputes involving stoppages of work of ten man-days or more at the establishments where the stoppages occurred.
- The figures of working days lost relate to the losses due to industrial disputes (as defined in paragraph 4) and not to aggregate losses for the economy as a whole. Details shown in this publication refer to all disputes in progress during the reference period indicated.
- The statistics of industrial disputes are compiled mainly from data obtained from employers (both private and government) and trade unions concerning individual disputes and from reports of government authorities. Particulars of some stoppages (for example, those involving a large number of establishments) may have been estimated and the statistics therefore should be regarded as giving only a broad measure of the extent of industrial disputes (as defined).

Definitions

- For these statistics an *industrial dispute* is defined as a withdrawal from work by a group of employees or a refusal by an employer or a number of employers to permit some or all of

their employees to work, each withdrawal or refusal being made in order to enforce a demand, to resist a demand, or to express a grievance.

- Workers involved* include workers directly and indirectly involved in disputes. Workers indirectly involved are those thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but who are not themselves parties to the dispute.
- Differences between monthly and annual totals of workers involved can occur due to temporary cessations of stoppages that resume in subsequent months. Workers re-involved in this type of dispute are included in the monthly totals.
- Working days lost* refer to man-days lost by workers directly and indirectly involved in the dispute and figures are generally as reported by parties to the dispute. For some disputes working days lost are estimated on the basis of the number of workers involved and the duration of the dispute.

8. *Working days lost per 1,000 employees* have been compiled from those lost by workers directly and indirectly involved in disputes involving stoppages of work of ten man-days or more in the establishments where the stoppages occurred. Working days lost in agriculture, etc. and in private households employing staff have been excluded from Tables 4 and 5 but included in Tables 1 to 3.

- The estimates of employees are obtained from the Labour Force survey.

Other ABS publications

- Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

Industrial Disputes, Australia (6322.0)—issued annually, contains more detailed information including statistics on the cause, method of settlement and duration of industrial disputes.

Labour Statistics, Australia, 1983 (6101.0) (\$6.10, \$7.30 incl. postage)

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly (\$1.10, \$1.90 incl. postage)

- Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

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- Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of disputes		Workers involved ('000)		Working days lost ('000)
	Commenced in period	Total(a)	Newly involved(b)	Total(a)	
1982	2,045	2,060	691.3	722.9	2,158.0
1983	1,779	1,787	453.0	470.5	1,641.4
1984	1,955	1,962	548.2	557.4	1,302.5
Twelve months ended—					
May 1983	1,833	1,854	568.5	597.5	1,980.8
1984	1,847	1,866	442.7	445.3	1,299.9
1985	1,882	1,903	614.8	617.5	1,323.1
1984—					
June	143	164	36.6	39.3	80.1
July	192	207	69.1	71.4	153.2
August	196	233	49.0	54.3	153.6
September	184	210	31.8	49.1	101.6
October	199	218	74.1	76.9	134.0
November	206	228	94.1	99.8	143.8
December	108	134	56.7	71.4	79.5
1985—					
January	111	126	25.5	42.7	61.0
February	160	188	46.5	51.4	187.2
March	147	166	42.1	48.7	84.5
April	105	123	24.8	29.3	46.4
May	131	150	64.5	70.0	98.3

(a) Refers to all disputes in progress during the period. (b) Comprises workers involved in disputes which commenced during the month and additional workers involved in disputes which continued from the previous month.

TABLE 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)

Period	Manufacturing							
	Mining		Metal products, machinery and equipment	Other	Construction	Transport and storage: Communication	Other industries (a)	All industries
	Coal	Other						
1982	528.8	157.1	241.8	333.0	231.1	296.2	373.1	2,158.0
1983	122.8	194.7	157.6	120.7	337.2	213.6	494.8	1,641.4
1984	131.1	193.2	144.8	249.3	116.3	145.7	322.1	1,302.5
Twelve months ended—								
May 1983	160.3	108.5	237.0	277.5	263.2	314.4	620.0	1,980.8
1984	105.9	273.8	118.4	181.0	258.0	140.9	221.9	1,299.9
1985	235.2	103.9	169.7	199.4	136.4	174.9	303.7	1,323.1
1984—								
June	8.0	5.0	8.0	19.9	3.8	2.6	32.8	80.1
July	10.0	13.8	16.8	30.4	10.9	6.3	65.0	153.2
August	17.5	17.6	10.9	26.9	10.0	53.7	17.1	153.6
September	15.0	14.4	14.4	19.0	8.5	23.8	6.5	101.6
October	9.6	13.6	25.9	27.6	30.0	11.0	16.2	134.0
November	24.0	6.9	20.8	19.0	8.1	17.5	47.4	143.8
December	9.0	4.3	12.3	6.4	1.2	10.5	35.8	79.5
1985—								
January	2.3	4.8	1.8	6.8	7.9	24.4	12.9	61.0
February	102.8	13.1	18.2	4.8	6.0	8.0	34.1	187.2
March	26.5	4.2	12.7	5.9	8.9	8.6	17.7	84.5
April	1.0	2.5	3.5	13.1	7.8	5.5	13.2	46.4
May	9.3	3.7	24.4	19.5	33.3	3.1	5.1	98.3

(a) ASIC divisions A, D, F, I to L.

TABLE 3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : STATES, WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
1982	961.6	368.0	509.8	66.6	162.4	61.5	2,158.0
1983	801.2	257.7	135.0	87.7	270.6	67.8	1,641.4
1984	657.9	186.4	236.0	25.2	118.9	50.5	1,302.5
Twelve months ended—							
May 1983	910.0	354.1	413.3	112.3	129.6	47.4	1,980.8
1984	535.5	217.5	158.3	22.6	263.1	78.4	1,299.9
1985	576.7	208.8	354.4	23.6	100.1	34.3	1,323.1
1984—							
June	24.6	7.6	41.0	0.2	3.1	1.9	80.1
July	78.3	25.4	30.1	0.1	8.3	6.0	153.2
August	81.4	15.0	23.5	8.6	11.0	8.8	153.6
September	45.0	21.4	22.3	0.6	9.3	2.2	101.6
October	53.8	29.9	22.8	0.6	20.9	3.9	134.0
November	98.2	16.1	15.0	2.8	6.7	3.4	143.8
December	32.4	17.7	11.4	3.8	6.9	2.0	79.5
1985—							
January	38.5	12.4	3.4	1.0	4.7	0.1	61.0
February	38.5	11.2	133.2	0.4	3.0	0.7	187.2
March	38.6	14.4	20.9	3.1	6.7	0.6	84.5
April	17.6	11.2	5.0	1.1	9.4	1.2	46.4
May	29.7	26.7	25.9	1.3	10.0	3.6	98.3

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

**CHART 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 1984 AND 1985**

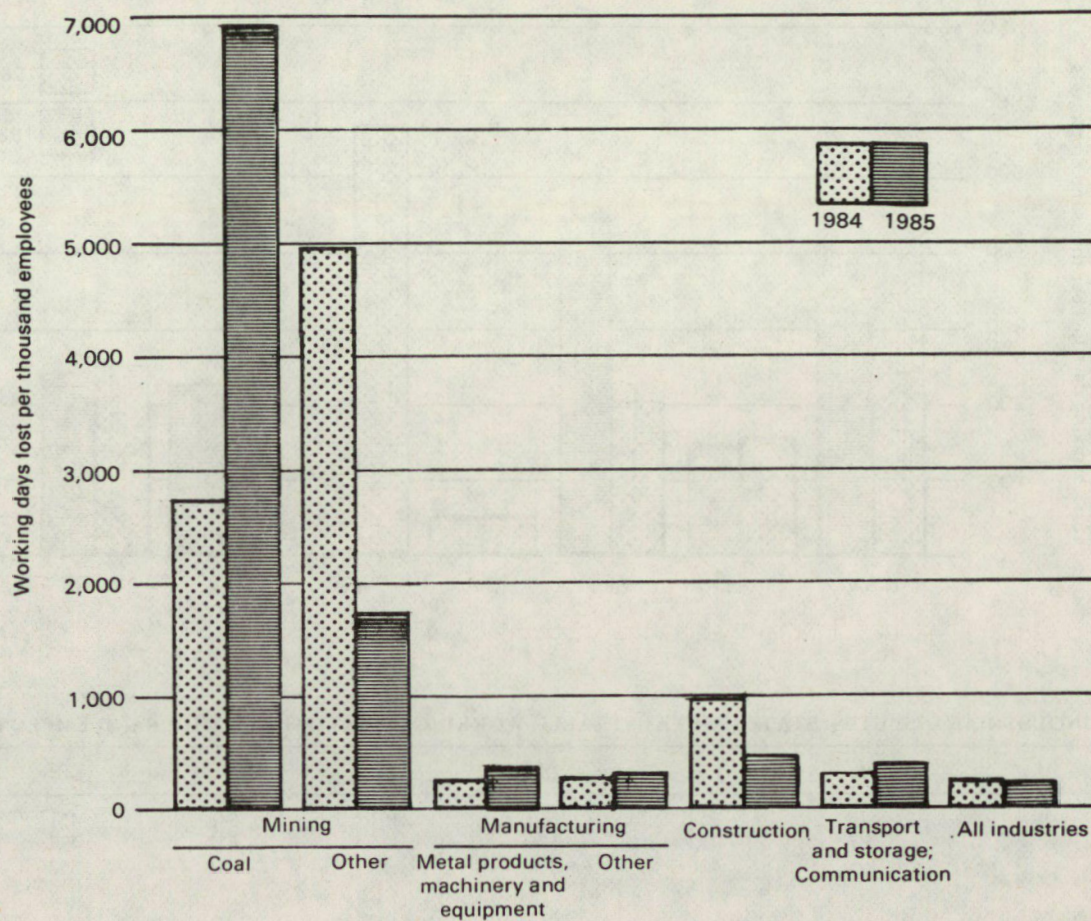


TABLE 4. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES (a)

Period	Mining		Manufacturing		Construction	Transport and storage; Communication	Other industries	All industries
	Coal	Other	Metal products, machinery and equipment	Other				
1982	14,645	2,686	471	505	768	688	84	392
1983	3,223	3,375	353	186	1,269	485	42	249
1984	3,543	3,286	327	387	427	335	94	245
Twelve months ended—								
May 1984	2,743	4,954	264	279	979	325	67	252
1985	6,916	1,760	380	310	469	398	87	245

(a) Excludes agriculture, etc. and private households employing staff.

CHART 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: STATES AND AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES, TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 1984 AND 1985

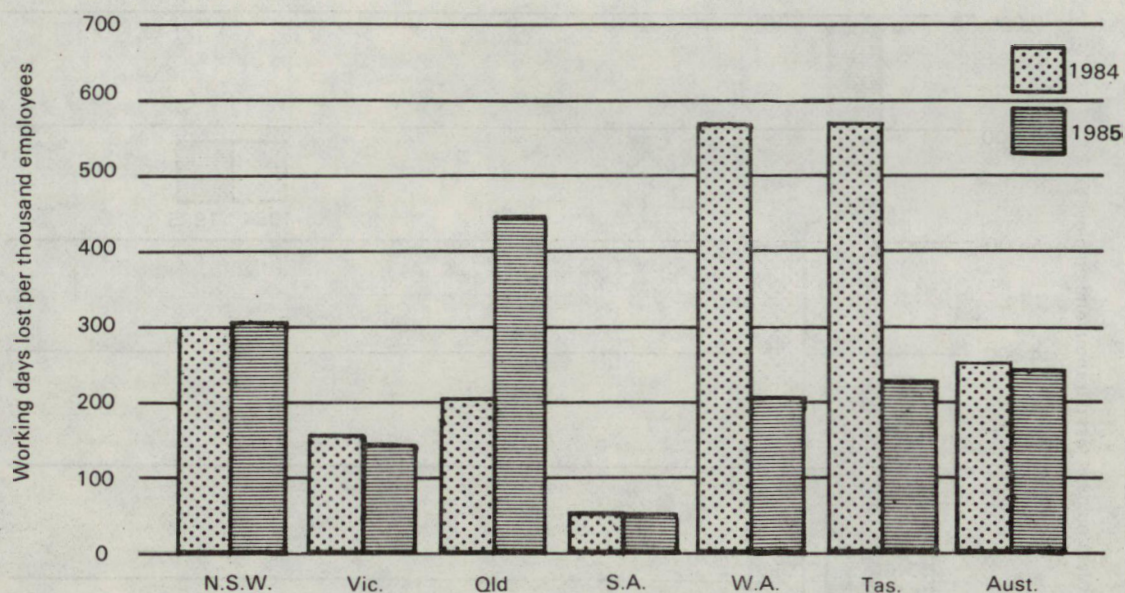


TABLE 5. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: STATES AND AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES(a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
1982	476	258	660	101	348	431	392
1983	287	163	176	115	577	478	249
1984	355	130	300	56	251	352	245
<i>Twelve months ended—</i>							
May 1984	300	154	203	51	568	572	252
1985	305	143	447	51	207	228	245

(a) Excludes agriculture, etc. and private households employing staff. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.